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**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION AND GOVERNOR'S ETHANOL COALITION
ANNOUNCE ALTERNATIVE FUEL SITE**
First E85 Ethanol Pump for Western Colorado

Grand Junction, CO – The Governor's E85 Coalition, the City of Grand Junction, and Mesa County are celebrating today's groundbreaking of an alternative fuel pump. The City's fleet will now include E85 ethanol, a blended mixture of 85 percent ethanol and 15 percent unleaded gasoline among its fueling options. The E85 pump is located within the City of Grand Junction, and will serve City, County and State fleet Flex Fuel Vehicles (FFVs).

"Western Colorado is interested in ways to reduce oil usage and cleaner, domestic sourced biofuels such as E85 Ethanol offer a great solution," said City of Grand Junction Mayor Jim Doody. "We're proud to participate in this effort and we hope that being the first municipality in western Colorado to have a fueling site will encourage others to consider doing the same."

The City of Grand Junction plans to have over 30 FFVs, the State of Colorado has nearly 100 FFVs and Mesa County has eight FFVs able to refuel using E85 ethanol at this site. The significant number of FFVs in the fleets of the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County and the State of Colorado will provide considerable demand for this new E85 pump.

"Without access to biofuels, we can not enjoy their economic and environmental benefits," said Tom Plant, OEMC Director. "The City of Grand Junction is taking the first step for western Colorado in developing its biofuels infrastructure and already there are results to demonstrate this success. Later today, an E85 retail pump in Basalt is opening and there are plans for an E85 retail pump in Grand Junction and Delta to open later this year."

Across the USA, nearly seven million FFVs can use E85. Alternative fuels also bring environmental benefits to Colorado as they are cleaner burning than other transportation fuels. Therefore, increased usage of E85 will help reduce tail pipe emissions.

The Groundbreaking Event is open to the public and will feature alternative fuels experts, FFVs and E85 ethanol information.

Service stations interested in installing E85 pumping infrastructure may be eligible for up to \$15,000, as well as marketing support, through the Governor's E85 Coalition. Applicants for this support may also be eligible for tax credits from the State and Federal governments.

For More Information on the Groundbreaking Event or the Governor's E85 Ethanol Coalition:

The Groundbreaking Event:

Date: Friday, March 9, 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: 2553 River Road. Turn left into the first driveway on River Road just off of Broadway/Hwy 340.

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